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by Ralph F. Cummings

Charles Duprez reports that J. P. Guinon is having a tough time of it with his eyes, and is afraid he is liable to go blind, so let's all start praying that he overcomes it, and gets his eyesight back, for it must be like losing everything, to lose ones eyesight, so perk up Gripper and get those eyes of yours working again, and we'll all be praying for you too.

Even more bad news, Ed LeBlanc reports that George Flaum died Nov. 5th of a heart attack. We are all going to miss George very very much. As Stanley Pachon says, "It is to be regretted that death seems to take usually those who show the deepest interest in the hobby and who are the most active in expanding and keeping our hobby alive." Yes, it does seem that Stanley is about right, although we all hate to think of it being that way. George has been a member of H. H. Bro. since the last of 1944 or early in 1945. He was here to visit me Jan. 23, 1945, and has been here to Fisherville a good many times since—his last time was in 1949. He visited me quite a lot when he lived in Boston, and we've been out on novel hunts together. So pards we are really going to miss him and I don't mean maybe. Lots of brothers who have bought novels from him will miss him as well. As Ralph Smith says "George was a real enthusiastic collector, and we need a lot like him." He has helped in many ways and was the compiler of the first

issue of the Reckless Ralph's Dime Novel Roundup Index, out a few years ago, and several fine articles. George and his wife did a lot of traveling in our own U. S. A. meeting members from Boston to Los Angeles, and many other places, and while selling Law books, or Food of the Soil, he found a little time to buy old dime and nickel novels, keep what he wanted and sell the rest. I'm sure it would be nice if the brothers would send a sympathy card to Mrs. George Flaum, P. O. Box 4041, St. Petersburg, Fla. God be with him always.

Here is a list of members of Happy Hours Brotherhood and Dime Novel Roundup that we have lost since Dec. 16th 1952:

Dec. 16, 1952—Lacey D. Irvin
 Dec. 23, 1952—Jesse Harriman
 Dec. ?, 1952—John W. Schaeffer
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 Nov. 5, 1953—George T. Flaum

The dear Lord has taken them to a new world, and I'm sure they will always be happy—God bless them always.

Any other members that have anything to say in Newsy News send it in to your Newsy News column, for everyone likes to read the news.

Oh, I see I'm too late in wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—I meant well even if I didn't get it in on time.

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ROBERT H. SMELTZER

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"Was Jesse James Shot With Own Gun?" Slayer Bob Ford used colt given him by Outlaw! This fine article appeared in "Great Guns" Vol. 2, No. 4, April 1953 and published by "Great Guns", Military Inn, Dearborn 6, Mich. 15¢ per copy. Has picture of when the Ford Boys shot Jesse James when hanging a picture. Bob Ford shot Jesse when his back was turned to him. "Great Guns" is now out of print, and oh yes, I nearly forgot to put in that in the May issue of "Great Guns" Jesse James III writes in, James died Aug. 17th 1951, also in same issue, 35 year old picture shows scene of Dalton Gang's Fate. This issue is very interesting too.

A MEMORY

When memories my mind enthrall,
And take me back to long ago,
There's many things I can't recall;
Places and scenes I used to know
Have faded to return no more,
But long years have not drawn a veil
Across that little Main Street store
Where nickel novels were for sale.

It seems but yesterday that I,
Swinging my schoolbooks, stood within
That little store. What should I buy?
A Young Wild West or Work and Win?
Maybe that Pluck and Luck! But stop!
Look at this Diamond Dick! I stayed
Long thrilling hours within that shop
Where nickel novels were displayed.

Tip Top and Liberty Boys were there,
Their covers dressed in colors bright.
Nick Carter, James Boys, Do and
Dare,
And brave Frank Reade and bold
Jack Wright.
Our town had buildings tall and
smart;
The mists of age now wrap them
'round
But no mists dim that little mart
Where nickel novels could be found.
I'm sure that store had other stores
Adjoining it on either side.
No doubt some had exteriors

Of beauty. Tall and dignified
They may have been. But of them all
I don't remember one, except
That little book and paper stall
Where nickel novels once were kept.

—J. P. Guinon

The February issue of the Roundup will contain Old Melodramas by J. Edward Leithhead.

QUESTION AND ANSWER COLUMN

Mr. Hermon Pitcher asks, "Who was the author of the Fred Fearnott stories?"

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